

3. Basis for Withdrawal Request

The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 CFR § 10.40(c)(1)(vi). Applicants have failed to pay bills rendered by the undersigned attorney for an unreasonable period of time.

4. Allowance of Time for Client to Act

A final Office Action was filed on January 17, 2006. A Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time was filed on June 19, 2006. There is an outstanding term for response that expired on August 19, 2006. The above term is extendible under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), until January 19, 2007 and the fees for such extension are not being submitted herewith. A continuation application is being filed concurrently with this request, without payment of fees.

5. Notification of Client

In accordance with 37 CFR § 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client.

A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

6. Number of Copies of Request

This request is enclosed in triplicate.

7. Related Application for Which Withdrawal is Requested

Withdrawal also is being requested in the following related application of the inventors: application serial number 09/823,999.

8. Signature of an Authorized Attorney on Behalf of Attorneys Withdrawing

I hereby sign on behalf of and apply to withdraw, all of the following persons as attorneys or agents for the above-identified application, and all other attorneys and agents associated with


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Re: U.S. Patent Application for
System and Method for Selling Goods and Services
Our File No. S255 1010.1 (49587.0007.1)

Dear Richard:

Further to our letter of August 23, 2006 in which we informed you that we could no longer represent the inventors in the referenced application, we have now filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a Request for Withdrawal as Attorney for nonpayment of bills for an extended period of time.

The pending claims in the referenced application were rejected by the Examiner who also made the rejection final in an Official Action mailed January 17, 2006. We filed a Notice of Appeal in this application on June 19, 2006. An Appeal Brief was due on August 19, 2006. The period for filing an Appeal Brief or taking another action in the referenced application, such as the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) can be extended up to five (5) months from the original due date of August 19, 2006. Thus you have until January 19, 2007 in which to file an Appeal Brief or an RCE. Both the Appeal Brief and the RCE require additional fees to be paid to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. We are paying the extension of time fee for the one month extension of time from August 19, 2006 to September 19, 2006. An additional extension of time fee also must be paid when filing a response, the fee varying with the number of months of the extended time period beyond September 19, 2006.


Concurrently with filing the Request for Withdrawal as Attorney, we are also filing a continuation application that claims priority to the referenced patent application. The continuation application includes claims 1 – 13 that correspond to pending claims 1-5 and 13-20 in the referenced application but with additional limitations in the independent claims 1 and 6. We are filing the continuation application without payment of fees. Should you decide that you want to pursue the claims in the continuation application, you will need to pay the filing fee, search fee and publication fee which total \$425.00 for a small entity, plus an application size fee of \$125.00 for filing an application that exceeds 100 pages. You will also be required to pay a \$65.00 missing parts fee for late payment of the continuation filing fees.

You will be notified directly by the Patent and Trademark Office when the Request for Withdrawal as Attorney is approved.

We wish you and your co-inventors success in your pursuit of a patent on your invention.

Best regards,

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